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TO : Mr. Borel

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SUBJECT: Example of OCI "Estimating"

1. Par. 1 of OCI Intelligence Memorandum SC/R-31N/51, 5 Oct '51 is a flagrant example of gratuitous OCI estimating in a manner that can hardly be called "current" intelligence. Moreover, the manner in which this estimate is made, and the lack of any supporting analysis, reflect upon the quality of CIA estimating.

2. The bold statement in par. 1 of the OCI Memo that "the Communists will not succeed in their major objectives" of blocking a German defense contribution is a wholly unnecessary addendum to what is otherwise a review of current indications and developments. Moreover, this "estimate" is not supported by the remainder of the memo, which in no sense covers all of the factors involved or indulges in much analysis of the problem.

3. Since O/NE is already preparing two papers on the German problem, this OCI "estimate" is a good example of prejudgement of one of our presumably more reasoned conclusions by a small group of current intelligence people who by no means go through the same careful analytical process we do.

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